

Scate of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program Report Date October 26, 2005

Supervisor A

Mine Name: D-tract Asphalt Pit

Operator Name: Wembco

Permit number: S/047/068 **Inspection Date:** September 2, 2005

Time: 7:45-8:15 AM

Weather: Sunny, 60's

Inspector(s): Paul Baker

Other Participants: Scott Allred

Mine Status: Active

Elements of Inspection Evaluated Comment Enforcement 1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds 2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls) 3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control 4. Deleterious Material 5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety) 6. Concurrent Reclamation 7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes) 8. Water Impoundments 9. Soils 10. Revegetation 11. Air Quality 12. Other

Purpose of Inspection:

The operator is required to reclaim a portion of the disturbed area, and I wanted to meet with him and discuss what needed to be done.

Inspection Summary:

6. Concurrent Reclamation

There is an area of 0.76 acres on the west side of the mine that needs to be reclaimed (Photos 2 and

3). The condition of this area has not changed since I last visited the site.

12. Other

Mr. Allred said the asphalt pit has not been mined this year, a statement verified by the amount of water in the pit. The processing area is being used to process recycled asphalt. Mr. Allred told me he is using some of the overburden from the mine to mix with the asphalt. There are also some other sand and gravel deposits adjacent to the mine the operator has been using (Photo 1).

Conclusions and Recommendations:

Previously, the operator was reluctant to reclaim the area west of the mine because it overlies some asphalt and because there was a prospective buyer for the property that might want to mine this area. There have also been some delays due to weather. Whether or not there is a potential for mining this area, this site is permitted as a small mine, and the disturbed area needs to be five acres or less. This



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reclamation must be done this fall or further enforcement action will be taken. (This area was the subject of a Division Directive before the Division's current enforcement rules went into effect.)

It is difficult to define at this site what constitutes primary processing and what is secondary processing. The Division previously made a determination that when asphalt is taken from the mine, crushed, and mixed with gravel, this is primary processing that falls under the Mined Land Reclamation Act. Secondary processing is when this material is heated in a batch plant and possibly mixed with recycled asphalt. Processing recycled asphalt is not regulated.

Based on this determination, the site was previously mapped with a line delineating where primary and secondary processing were occurring. This line has now been obscured because the operator is doing secondary processing within the primary processing area and because he is not doing any primary processing at this time.

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Inspector's Signature _

cc: Jim Barnes, Wembco

Attachment: Photos

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Photographs

S/047/068, D-Tract Asphalt Mine, Wembco Inspection Dated: September 2, 2005; Report Dated: October 26, 2005



Photo 1. It appears the operator has been taking some sand and gravel from a deposit adjacent to the mine.



Photo 2. This and Photo 3 are views of the area that needs to be reclaimed.

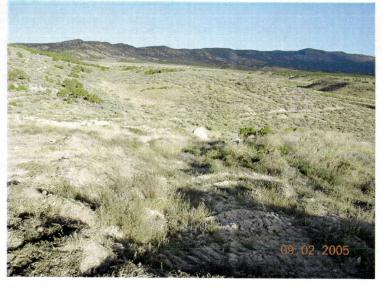


Photo 3.